**Interest Inventory**

Thank you for answering this survey honestly, with thought, and taking the time to explain “why” when it is asked. This will greatly help me to learn more about you and your interests.

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1. What kind of books do you like to read?

That’s changing. I love classics (i.e. Jane Austen and Shakespeare), but I also read more modern things, like *The Hunger Games* or *Stargirl*. I tend to prefer novels, but the genres are different. Dystopian, historical fiction, YA (I *love* Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants). I’ll read anything.

1. How do you get your news? What parts of the newspaper do you look at regularly?

CNN website. I look at the US section, then the global section. I hate not knowing. My guilty please is the life section of the newspaper on Sundays. It’s just got a bit of everything to make you smile: good news, wedding/engagements, travel, etc.

1. What are your favorite magazines or web sites?

Websites: Pinterest, facebook, photographers blogs Magazines: Williams and Sonoma (*great* recipes) and Pottery Barn

1. What type of programs do you prefer? Why?

My all-time favorite is Gilmore Girls. I also love Big Bang Theory, Friends, Grey’s Anatomy, and Brothers and Sisters. I like shows that are centered around relationships, with my favorites being family-centered. I just relate to them better…

1. What is your favorite activity or subject at school? Your least favorite? Why?

I volunteer for Special Olympics swimming in Blacksburg and love working with the athletes. For VT, I love going to football games. Games are great, but it’s more a social event with close friends. My least favorite? Anything involving math. I detest math.

1. What is your first choice about “what to do” when you have free time at home?

I either read a spare book (currently *The Hunger Games*), watch an episode of Gilmore Girls on DVD, or, if I’m in a really good mood, bake/cook.

1. What kinds of things have you collected? What do you do with the things you collect?

My only answer would be books. It’s a great way to go/see places I’ve never been or will never see

1. If you could talk to any person currently living, who would it be? Why? Think of three things to ask the person.

If I could get honest answers guaranteed, President Obama. 1) You get a lot of criticism for not following through on your promises. What response do you have to people that think you haven’t delivered on the change you promised? 2) How do you decide what issues are most important during the race, and then again once you know everything as President? If it’s different after election, why? 3) What’s been your greatest triumph and greatest shortcoming as President? What makes you say that?

1. If you could talk to any person from history, who would it be? Why? Think of three questions you would ask the person.

Queen Elizabeth I 1) Why did you choose to not marry and rule solo given all the pressure to marry? 2) How did you establish your dominance as a female ruler? 3) What was your favorite and least favorite part of being Queen? Why?

1. What are your hobbies? How much time do you spend on your hobbies?

I read. I love to bake, though it’s rather messy; I bake when I have a bad day. I also really like to cook.

1. If you could have anything you want, regardless of money or natural ability, what would you choose? Why?

Probably a nice house on the water with a cr-v. It’s practical and I’d use it every day

1. What career(s) do you think might be suitable for you when you are an adult?

Teacher, editor, pastry chef

1. If you could spend a week job-shadowing any adult in any career, which would you choose and why?

I’d follow someone in the cabinet. I think seeing the inner workings of the White House would be amazing.

1. Tell about your favorite games.

Apples to Apples because of the endless possibilities

1. What kinds of movies do you prefer to see? Why?

Chick flicks, comedy. I don’t like movies to bring me down.

Brie’s Suggestion: Tuck Everlasting

Jodi’s Suggestions: *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd*, Summer Sisters* by Judy Blume

Lauren’s Suggestions: *Bloody Mary* by Caroline Meyers